

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 5, 2023

PRELUDE
(8:00 AM)

“Everlasting God”
“Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

arr. Tournquist
arr. Hayes

PRELUDE
(10:00 AM)

“Mediation on Bread of Life”
“Father Most Holy”
“Communion Meditation”
“Jacob’s Ladder”
“Jesus Loves Me”

Hamilton
arr. David Johnson
arr. Victor Johnson
arr. Martha Thompson
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at First United Methodist Church this morning. Please **SIGN AND PASS** the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number because we would like to thank you for being with us.

***HYMN No. 64** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” Nicaea

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God’s holy name!

People: **We exalt you, O God, for You have restored us to life.**

Leader: We may cry through the night, but Your joy comes with the morning.

People: **You hear us, O God, and You are gracious in our distress.**

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

People: **Our souls cannot be silent!**

All: **O God, our Savior, we give thanks to You forever!**

ANTHEM
(10:00 am only)

“Wounded Dove”

arr. Grier and Everson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

(Children are dismissed to go to the Covert Room)

Amanda McCord

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED

No. 880

*GLORIA PATRI No. 71

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using sins)

*Our Father; who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Jesus Paid It All”

arr. Robert Vandall

(10:00 AM only)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 95

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE

“Habakkuk 2:18-20”

Pew Bible Pages 857 - 858

MESSAGE

“Worship: An Honor and Privilege”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

“When You Break the Bread”

Ruth Schram

***HYMN No. 462**

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

“He Knows My Name”

arr. Tornquist

(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Benedetto Marcello

(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, the Chancel Choir, and the Youth Handbell Choir. The piano duet is played by Michele Sandberg and Ruth Nelson. The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg.

LITURGIST today is Kayla Giambrone.

ACOLYTES today are Tage Wyman and Grace Carr.

USHERS today are Team 2, Captain George Lilja.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in Loving memory of Kara Donaldson, given by her family.

REMINDER ~ Daylight savings time is March 12, 2023. Don't forget to Spring Forward!

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Darla Peterson, 205 Water Street, Room 525, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

PRISON MINISTRY ~ We may have an opportunity to expand our Prison Ministry by tutoring at the Warren County Prison. We are looking to see if anyone in the congregation would be interested in helping to tutor at the prison in reading and/or math at the Warren County Prison. If you feel this is something you want to do, please call the church office at 814-723-4930.

GLASS BABY JARS AND CANS ~ We are in need of small glass baby jars or small jelly jars as well as #3 cans to use for luminaries along the walkway in front of the church for our Christmas Eve service. Please drop off any donations to the church office. Thank you!

USHERS LUNCH ~ The Worship Commission invites all current ushers and anyone interested in serving as an usher to lunch and training on Sunday, March 12th, following the 10:00 AM service. Please contact the church office at 814-723-4930 to make a reservation for lunch. We hope to see many of you there.

CLASS MEETINGS ~ "...But the most profitable exercise of any is a free inquiry into the state of the heart". Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke

A new opportunity to grow our faith will be offered through a return to the Wesleyan tradition of class meetings. Using the book, *The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten and Essential Small Group Experience* by Kevin Watson, these small groups are intended for those individuals interested in "watching over one another in love." The class meeting is a transformation-driven format, organized around a common desire to support one another as we learn to interpret our lives through the lens of the gospel and then encourage one another to live our lives for and through Christ. These meetings will be held in individuals' homes. Initially, 2 class meetings will be offered – one on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM led by Tawni Betts; the other on Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM led by Mary Jo Zubrod. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those interested. More information will be forthcoming.

CROSSING BREAKFAST SUPPORT ~ The Crossing has volunteers to staff the free Saturday morning breakfasts. However, due to increased costs, we need additional funds to cover the food and supplies required. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Funds can be directed to FUMC or The Crossing (350 Pennsylvania Ave W). Thank you. God bless.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~ Beginning today, March 5th, a Children's Church will be offered on the first Sunday of the Month. The Children's Church will be located in the Covert Room. Children may leave the sanctuary following the 1st Anthem to walk to the Covert Room to participate in the Children's Church.

FREE CONCERT ~ The Silver Winds Flute Choir will present a free concert, Celtic and Classics, on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM. The concert will take place in the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church.

ANNOUNCEMENT ~ We are considering the possibility of conducting a group baptism in the month of March or April. If you are interested in being baptized or having children or grandchildren baptized, please contact the office at 814 - 723 - 4930.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 5, 2023 – March 11, 2023

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Fellowship; Covert Room

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office
10:00 AM Praying Makers Group; Covert Room
3:30 PM LOGOS - Hawaiian Night
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B
6:30 PM SPRC; Covert Room
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall

SATURDAY

10:30 AM Barbara Koebley Visitation; Parlors
12:00 PM Barbara Koebley Funeral; Sanctuary
1:00 PM Barbara Koebley Funeral Luncheon; FH

As we move ahead with plans to join a new denomination, we will need to replace the hymnals currently in use. Hymnals given in memory or honor of family and friends are available now in Parlor A to take by our congregation. Once we receive new hymnals, all current hymnals will be available to you, and those left will be taken to the conference center.

The Worship Committee is recommending the purchase of a new hymnal "Our Great Redeemer's Praise." It is published by Seedbed, Inc. and represents the full scope of John and Charles Wesley's theological heritage. We are excited about this new tool for worship.

We will be accepting and encouraging you to purchase a hymnal in honor or memory of someone close to you. The cost is \$30.00, and payment can be made at any time to the office. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church and returned to the office with the order form at the bottom. A plaque will be placed inside each hymnal with your information.

If you have questions or want to see this new hymnal, please see Ruth Nelson or Michele Sandberg. Thank you for your support as we move into new and exciting times.

(Return to the church office with payment.)

I wish to order _____ hymnals at a cost of \$30.00 each.

Please check appropriate line for the plaque(s):

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

OR

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____

Monday Morning Men's Group

New 8 Week Bible Study Begins

MONDAY MARCH 20th

Covert Room: 6:45 AM- 8:00 AM

No More Excuses Bible Study by author Tony Evans

Sometimes circumstances in life make it difficult for men to be all God wants them to be. Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success.

Exploring examples of men of God throughout the Bible, this study will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. Despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can still find purpose, meaning, and direction in life and become the man God has called you to be.

Mark Hecht will be leading the study. Come AND bring a friend!

Session topics:

1. No More Hiding Behind the Past
2. No More Holding Back
3. No More Weak Leadership
4. No More Going Through the Motions
5. No More Compromising Your Integrity
6. No More Sifting Through the Rubble
7. No More Half Stepping
8. No More Standing on the Sidelines

A sign-up sheet is located outside Mark's Door. You can also tear off the bottom of this sheet and leave it in the offering plate.

Books are available in the office.



I would like to attend the Monday Morning Men's Group beginning March 18th.

Name: _____

Our Church has the opportunity to assist an individual who is in need of help furnishing an apartment in Warren.

Some items needed are:

Small Microwave

Toaster

Coffee Pot

A Couple of Pots and Pans

Small Sofa Table

One Floor Lamp

One Small Table Lamp

Small Bedside Table

Towels

Sheets (Queen Size)

Blanket (Queen)

Comforter (Queen)

Pillow

If you can help with any of these items, please call Molly Loughlin at:
814-779-2462

If you prefer to give a monetary donation toward a few gift cards, please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church, marked for Apartment Needs. You can place the checks in the offering plate or leave them at the church office.

Your help is greatly appreciated.